



## Kurdish Red Crescent Annual Report 2023

The Kurdish Red Crescent Organization is the largest local actor in providing health services as an independent humanitarian organization that operates in accordance with the principles of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in terms of neutrality and independence.

Furthermore, its staff are trained in international humanitarian law and apply the Code of Conduct of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

KRC organization has played a great role from the beginning of its founding and has been involved in the ongoing conflict in the field of strengthening local capacities and communities affected by disasters, providing urgent and timely services to save lives, and providing emergency health care to the war-wounded and displaced.

KRC believes in human rights, and the right of every person to prove his or her capabilities without discrimination on the basis of race, gender, disability, colour, religion or belief, political or any other opinion, minorities, ethno-national affiliation, age or sexual orientation. It also works to Eliminate all forms of discrimination against women, and enhance their ability to participate in community development.

The organization cooperates with several organizations through partnerships or direct grants to implement humanitarian projects in all sectors throughout northeastern Syria

### **Main offices and programs within the headquarters:**

All services provided by the organization are supervised and work progress and quality raising are followed up through several offices and programs:

- Office of Partnerships and Project Management
- Medical program coordinators including coordination of all community health workers whose distributed at medical points across projects.
- Logistics Office
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Programme
- Shelter and Relief Program
- Press Office (Education, Information and Communication Office)
- Protection and psychological support program

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- Monitoring and Evaluation Office including the complaints mechanism
- Human Resources Department
- Finance Department
- Executive Directors and NES Coordinator (general evaluation and monitoring of project implementation – monitoring sustainability and coordination with other sectors and actors)
- Archiving Office
- Compliance Office
- Legal Office

### **Regional structures:**

To ensure the successful implementation of projects including coordinated use of protocols, coordination on the ground, and the permanent overall status of each region, KRC implemented the following positions:

- Regional coordinators
- Regional logisticians
- Regional Human Resources Officer
- Regional Accountants
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

### **Partnerships Office:**

Had updated in 2021, this office mainly works with the project management office to prepare new proposals and submit it to donors.

This office communicates continuously with donors and partners to allocate budgets and prepare projects according to the needs of the region and the directions of the organization, and this office also works on donation campaigns outside Syria

The Partnerships Office represents the Kurdish Red Crescent Organization outside Syria and on behalf of the Red Crescent management meets with partners and attends conferences of humanitarian interest to the Kurdish Red Crescent Organization and northern Syria.



## The projects during 2023

### **Deradicalization Project (Countering Violent Extremism):**

- Giving training on humanitarian principles to the International Committee of the Red Cross and training on child protection and protection from exploitation and abuse
- Providing psychosocial support to mothers
- Implementing several initiatives, such as the breast cancer initiative in Al-Hasakah, the children protection initiative in Washokani camp, the initiative to combat violence against women in the city of Raqqa, and the initiative to support children with disabilities in the city of Qamishli.
- Providing protection sessions and psychological support services in various places through awareness teams
- Conducting targeted dialogue sessions with civil society organizations
- Training teachers, both male and female, in the regions of northern and eastern Syria on psychological support topics
- Activating the referral system regarding (mental health) in rehabilitation centers

### **Emergency Response Project for Emergency Situations (Al-Shahba Area):**

Project Objective: "To provide emergency response such as referrals for injuries and relief including food, shelter, laundry and medical care to respond the needs of the earthquake-affected population in northeast Syria (Kobani and Manbij areas) and northwest Syria (Aleppo/Shahba and Sheikh Maqsoud/ areas)"

- Providing the necessary care to patients, whether it is primary health care service or emergency
- Providing community awareness as health topics and protection services for vulnerable groups living in tents
- Provide awareness sessions for women on health, motherhood and public health care sessions.
- Providing awareness sessions on natural disasters and self-protection
- Providing shelter to people who have lost their homes or are unable to return due to severe damage caused by the earthquake, through the installation of tents (421 tents were installed in Sardam and

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Barkhdan camp) in spacious public places supported by winter equipment, summer equipment and basic kits for a long time

- Providing food baskets and non-food items to people who have lost their homes or are unable to return due to the severe damage caused by the earthquake
- Providing drinking water to people whose stay in tents, in coordination with the camp administration and local authorities to get drinking water by filling the tanks in Sardam and Barkhdan camp

The following groups were distributed:

- Basic individual non-food items group, 1.945 kits were distributed to Sardam and Berkhdan camps as well as to collective shelters in Sheikh Maqsood and Ashrafieh
- Full individual non-food kit group , 100 groups were distributed
- Full non-food kit for the family ,970 kits were distributed to tents in camps in addition to some collective shelters in Manbij and Kobani.
- Family Kitchen Group 340 sets were distributed to tents in Al-Shahba.
- 4.616 hygiene kits were distributed in Sardam and Barkhdan camps. The groups were distributed to each new family in the camps in Al-Shahba, Manbij and Kobani

### **Darna Project**

Facility: Al Rasheed Primary Health Care Clinic in Al Raqqa

Project Name : Supporting Health Services and Protection for Raqqa City

Project Objective: To improve people's access to services including basic primary health and to promote health and social services to protect the most vulnerable.

### **Project to build 130 housing units in Al-Shahba area to shelter those affected by the earthquake:**

The project is supported by: CDO : Civil development Organization – KSC : Kurdistan save Children

The project aims to build 130 housing units in 3 locations in Al-Shahba area to shelter those affected by the earthquake distributed as follows:

50 Units in Babens

50 Housing Units in Tell Qarah

30 Units in Tal Sawsan

### **Drinking water supply project for the population of northern Syria project :**

- Objective of the AMB cooperative. Master plan: Responding to human rights violations in emergency situations

And post-emergency

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- Implementation period: September 10/2023 to April 9/2024
- For the benefit of 10,000 population affected by the conflict and the earthquake, in camps and reception centers and in the towns surrounding the Shahba area.
- Two wells with solar energy system in two different locations:

- 1- Sardam
- 2- Barkhdan

### **Àrea Metropolitana de Barcelona with(AMB) projects**

These projects target the environmental and health sectors, as it aims to support and develop the health and environmental reality of the region, and its first projects began with the lighting project in the city of Qamishlo, then a series of projects were carried out on two levels :

- Management of medical waste and expired medicines and the mechanism of their disposal.
- Zero Gemmar project (process of sorting, collecting and recycling solid waste).

### **Medical Waste Management and Disposal Project:**

The project works to contribute of ensuring the environmental and health rights of the regions of NES through the safe management of medical waste and joint cooperation with the Health Authority on the monitoring system of separation and disposal of medical waste.

with AMB support, in 2019, in Hassakeh and Qamishli, UPP and KRC built two fully equipped sanitary waste areas (HWZs). The municipalities of Al-Hasakah and Qamishli, with the support of the Ministry of Environment, also provided two vehicles that were equipped in accordance with the procedures for transporting medical waste from the targeted hospitals to the two health zones HWZs.

And also work on the allocation of green areas surrounding the health centers HWZ, through planting trees.

### **Sorting and recycling of solid waste project:**

The project contributes to improving available basic services and strengthening environmental protection systems by promoting sustainable waste management where it is collected, sorted and recycled.

Starting in December 2021, UPP, KRC and the Department of Local Administration and Environment (DoLAE) in the Gezira region worked together to plan a new Experimental assembly system for recyclables (plastics, metals, cardboard and organic waste) that will be implemented in one neighborhood (the Mufti) of Hassakeh city and finally launched in September 2022.

The project aims to improve and expand the collection and recycling system that has been established, and targets new areas where the experimental project was implemented. It aims to expand the collection which is indeed critical so that we can collect good amounts of waste and thus make the system progressively self-sustainable while promoting the reduction of waste that ends up being incinerated in landfills.

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### **CDCS Project:**

Project Title:

Provide life-saving health services in northeast Syria, with a focus on the most vulnerable and environmental health.

Sectors of Activities:

Health, WASH in Health, Protection

Areas of intervention:

- Northeast Syria:
- Deir Ezzor Governorate: Al Swer facility
- Al-Hasakah : Al-Hol camp, the second facility phase 4 , the operations desk in Al-Hol camp, Washkani camp, Al-Shaddadi clinic.
- Raqqa: Raqqa, safe disposal of expired medicines

### **Civil Defense Project with Medico International:**

Project Title:

Linking emergencies to a sustainable response to help earthquake-affected populations in northern Syria.

Activities Sectors:

Primary Health Care , Emergency , Civil Defense Initiative and Maintenance of Heavy Machinery and Supply of equipment, training and water

General Objective:

Sustainable response to help earthquake-affected populations in northern Syria and link it to the emergency system

The intervention Areas:

Northeast Syria (Derik - Qamishlo - Hasaka - Raqqa - Kobani and Manbij)  
and northwestern Syria (Al-Shahba area - Aleppo and Sheikh Maqsoud)

### **Prosthetics and Health Support Project with IRC –**

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### **Supporting Organization DMOFA:**

Project Title:

Strengthening the COVID-19 response and health availability in northeast Syria

Sectors of Activities:

Primary Health Care / Rehabilitation (Prosthetics)

Areas of intervention:

- Prosthetic Center in Qamishlo
- Terpaspya Primary Health Care Clinic in Qamishlo
- Hamra Al Ghannam Primary Health Care Clinic in – Raqqa

### **ECHO Project:**

Project Title :

Supporting and saving lives – providing health support to war-affected populations in NES

Sectors of Activities:

Primary Health Care, Emergency

Areas of intervention:

Al-Arisha camp – Al-Tala'i camp – Al-Hol camp – Abu Khashab camp – Mahmoudli camp – Al-Rasheed clinic in Raqqa – Operating desk in Qamishlo – mobile clinics in Tabqa and Deir Ezzor

### **LEARN Project:**

Project Title :

Supporting and saving lives – providing health support to war-affected populations in northern and eastern Syria

Sectors of Activities:

Primary Health Care , Emergency

Areas of intervention:

Girke Lage clinic - Tal Tamer clinic - Al-Jarnia clinic - Abu Qalqal clinic - Munbij clinic - Raqqa Emergency center - Munbij Emergency center.

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## The health

KRC works to provide several health services, the most important of which are primary health care, health education, medical programs, an emergency system and several other projects through 44 medical points distributed in the regions of NES as follows:

### **Emergency and Ambulance Centers:**

This system contains 7 emergency and ambulance centers and 64 ambulances distributed in all medical and ambulatory centers within cities and camps to provide emergency medical service and transfer cases in each of the cities of "Hasakah - Tabqa - Deir Ezzor - Raqqa - Manbij - Kobani - Derik - Qamishli – Terbaspya – Girke Lage - Darbasiya – Til Tamr" and camps (Roj - Newroz - Mahmoudli - Arisha - Washokani - Serekaniyeh - Al-Hol phase 1 - Al-Hol phase 4 - Barkhdan – Ahras - Sardam), as well as work in disaster situations.

This system works through the coordination of a central operating disk EMCC equipped with hotlines 7/24 linking all medical centers and points aims to coordinating all referrals to and from hospitals - transporting funerals - accompanying ceremonies and some other events - and transferring cases of motor impairment)

### **Medical points in the camps:**

There are 13 primary health care medical points in refugee and IDP camps within the northern and eastern regions of Syria, which focus on gynecology, pediatrics, epidemiology, and referral services to hospital in each of (Roj - Nowruz - Mahmoudli - Arisha - Washkani - Serekaniye - Abu Khashab - Al-Hol Fez 1 - Al-Houl Fez 4 - Barkhdan - Burj Qass - Hadath - Sardam).

### **Clinics in the cities:**

There are 15 primary health care centers that work to provide primary health care, and among their services are the provision of care for pregnant women before, after and during childbirth, the children's clinic, the internal clinic, gynecology, health awareness, as well as the provision of medicines, and vaccines for seasonal epidemics such as leishmaniasis.

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Centers that provided primary health care during the year 2022-2023"Derik – Girke Lege – Tirbaspya - Qamishlo - Raqqa Hamra Ghannam - Darbasiya - Jarniya - Shadada - Abu Qalqal - Til Tamir - Jazaa - Tyre - Riqqa Al-Rasheed - Kobani - Manbij".

#### **Mobile clinics:**

It consists of 5 mobile clinics accompanied by ambulance, supporting reproductive health, pregnancy follow-up and child health in the rural areas of the cities of "Al-Hasakah - Tabqa - Raqqa - Deir Ezzor - Manbij"

#### **Prosthetics Center**

The Center for Prosthetics, Physical Therapy and Psychological Support has been opened since the beginning of 2022 and provides the following services:

Rehabilitation Program:

A program that includes the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities and building their capabilities on their available capabilities and enhancing their self-confidence and supporting themselves to serve their interests (science, work and art) and also includes the rehabilitation of medical points to enable easy access for persons with disabilities and provide health service to him without the need for anyone's assistance and remove obstacles that hinder his access through the following services:

- Physical therapy
- Psychological and social support
- Mobility aids
- Presentation of lower prostheses above the knee, below the knee and metatarsal
- Payment of a cash road allowance: for all cases of amputation without exception
- Provide a child-friendly space

#### **Mammogram Center**

It is the only center in NES that provides early detection of breast cancer by providing x-ray service (mammographic and Eco graphic), health education service, self-examination trainings and free community awareness activities.

#### **Chronic Medication Center**

The center, located in the city of Amuda, works to provide chronic medicines for permanent and incurable diseases such as diseases (cancer, kidney transplantation, blood diseases, hormone, pressure, diabetes, heart and others) through a specific mechanism that gives the patient an opportunity to benefit from the service periodically.

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## **Prisons Project**

Improves the health status of vulnerable detainees in detention centers in northeast Syria, integrates IPC WASH measures into supported healthcare facilities, delivers non-surgical and surgical secondary interventions to priority populations, and strengthens referral and transfer mechanisms to secondary health care services for priority populations.

Nine detention centers in the Gezira area were targeted as a qualitative activity. Primary and secondary health care is provided to them, in an environment that requires taking a lot of preventive measures, protection and caution, as an integrated team has been allocated for these activities of doctors, paramedics, ambulances and transport vehicles to work inside the prisons and provide support, in addition to allocating a full wing in the People's Hospital in Al-Hasakah to receive red cases from these prisons.

## **Medical coordination office**

The office relies on medical coordinators who follow up the progress of the supporting programs within all the medical points mentioned above:

### *Health education program*

The health education program is a comprehensive program that ensures, through coordination with all other medical programs, that health activities can reach community members outside health facilities. The program aims to increase knowledge of preventive measures and good health practices by increasing the access of individuals and communities to community health services such as Home visits and community awareness sessions.

Mechanism for choosing topics

Permanent (Reproductive health - Breastfeeding )

Seasonal (Depends on the follow-up of the early warning program)

### *Laboratory program:*

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The laboratory program in the Kurdish Red Crescent aims to improve the reality of work and develop it in all laboratories in health centers, whether primary care clinics, hospitals, or in camps

### *Reproductive health program*

Program definition:

The World Health Organization defines reproductive health as “a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity, in all matters relating to the reproductive system, its functions and operations. Reproductive health therefore implies that people are able to enjoy a satisfactory and safe sexual life and that they have the ”ability “On procreation and the freedom to decide whether, when and how often to do so.

### *Child Care and Nutrition Program*

Children under the age of five are considered the most vulnerable group in society, especially in the context of wars and humanitarian crises. The first few years of life are important stages of the life cycle that have implications for children's physical and psychological health

Crucially the current context in northeastern Syria, child health has so far been limited to receiving patients and providing medications. However, official standard guidelines and clinical protocols are not followed, and health promotion and disease prevention activities are also neglected and not prioritised.

### *Chronic diseases program*

Non-communicable diseases, also known as chronic diseases, are long-lasting diseases that result from a combination of genetic, physiological, environmental and behavioral factors.

### *Infection and infectious disease prevention programme*

#### **What is the prevention of infection and infectious diseases**

It means taking the necessary measures to limit the spread of infectious diseases. These measures include: wearing personal protective equipment (PPE), hand hygiene, sterilisation and disinfection of medical equipment and surfaces, social distancing, vaccination, and early detection of patients



### :Medicines Committee:

The program aims to:

- \*Coordinating with doctors to implement and confirm treatment protocols
- \*Follow up on expired medications, return them to the warehouse, and coordinate with the waste committee regarding destruction
- \*Adopting an order analysis model to monitor disbursements in establishments and analyse each centre's orders every month
- \*Monitoring the correct and random consumption of medications and conducting a monthly inventory for each centre
- \*Providing emergency centres in the Red Crescent with emergency medicines according to orders
- \*Periodic meetings between members of the Medicines Committee to raise problems and develop the necessary solutions

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### **Public Warehouse**

Work is being done to prepare medication requests for all medical facilities

The hospital (burns - oncology- thalassemia) was activated, and the hospital began providing services free of charge to the population in northeastern Syria.

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## Water, sanitation and hygiene

### **2023-2022 Report on activities and work carried out during (**

A program for the safe management of health waste through projects **CDCS5-CDCS4-AMB6-AMB4**

The household waste recycling program through projects **AMB7-AMB5**

Water distribution activity through tanks through a project **Medico Switzerland**

Sterilization and disinfection of water tanks through a project **Medico Switzerland**

Providing personal protective equipment for personnel working in pumping stations and water laboratories in northern and eastern Syria through a project **Medico Switzerland**

The activity of safe disposal of expired medicines in the Al-Jazeera region within the framework of a project **CDCS**

Activation of the system for monitoring WASH activities in joint health facilities (KRC-UPP) within a project framework **CDCS**

Activities implemented through (linking emergency response and relief interventions to meet the needs of populations affected by earthquakes in the northeast and northwest of the country) following the earthquake that struck Syria on February 6, 2023.

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Rehabilitation activities for health facilities damaged by the earthquake that struck Syria on February 6

## Protection and Psychological Support

During the year 2023, the Office of Protection and Psychological Support continued its tasks by disseminating and implementing protecting beneficiaries' policies, protecting children from sexual exploitation and abuse, and gender-based violence, mainstreaming protection, training staff on protection programs, providing technical support to employees, conducting protection mainstreaming evaluations and reports, and contributing to the integration of protection mainstreaming principles. At the health facility level, the office pays great attention to psychological support for children and victims of war and disasters and also monitors children under the age of 18 so that they do not engage in armed conflict

Full participation in training curricula on community protection, psychological support and other related topics

Participating in global campaigns (the 16 Days Campaign to Combat Gender-Based Violence, International Children's Day, International Women's Day, and Pink Month for Breast Cancer Awareness) following up on complaints and responding to them

Two schools were built for children displaced from the city of Afrin in both Sardam and Barkhdan camps in Al-Shahba

Holding several activities for children inside Al-Shahba camps

Follow up on the child-friendly space in Washukani camp-

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-The psychological clinic continues its activities in Washokani camp, Maabada, and the Al-Rashid clinic, and establishing a psychological clinic in Abu Qalqal and Tal Tamr

-Creating child-friendly spaces in Al-Shaddadi and Qamishli for children accompanying or beneficiaries from prosthetics and physical therapy centres.

**The full number of beneficiaries of the Kurdish Red Crescent's services during a year 2023 (816,644)**

## Laboratory Services



47.636

### Reproductive health program



**108418** check ups

**4312** Natural delivery

**202** Caesarean births

**58** another women's operations

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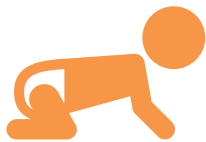
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*Child Care and Nutrition Program*



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**Chronic diseases program**

80384 **beneficiaries**

**18898** Diabetes

**795** Malignant diseases

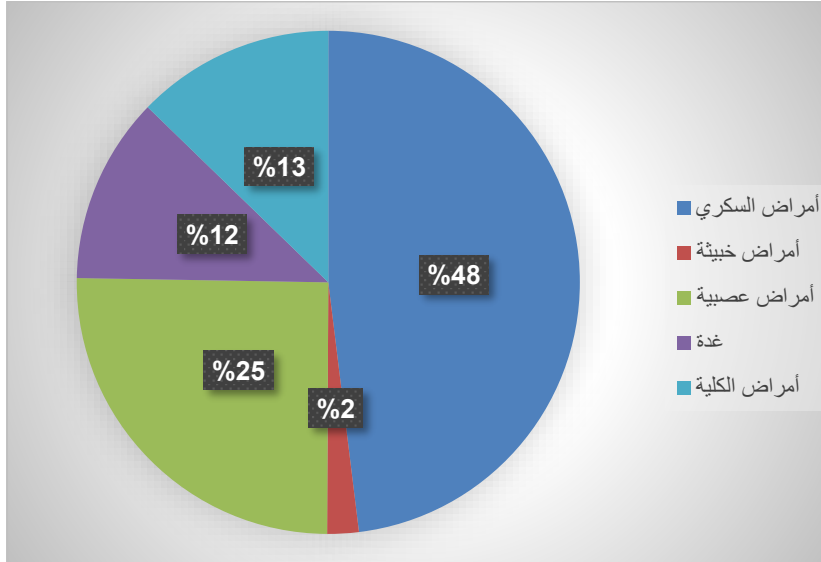
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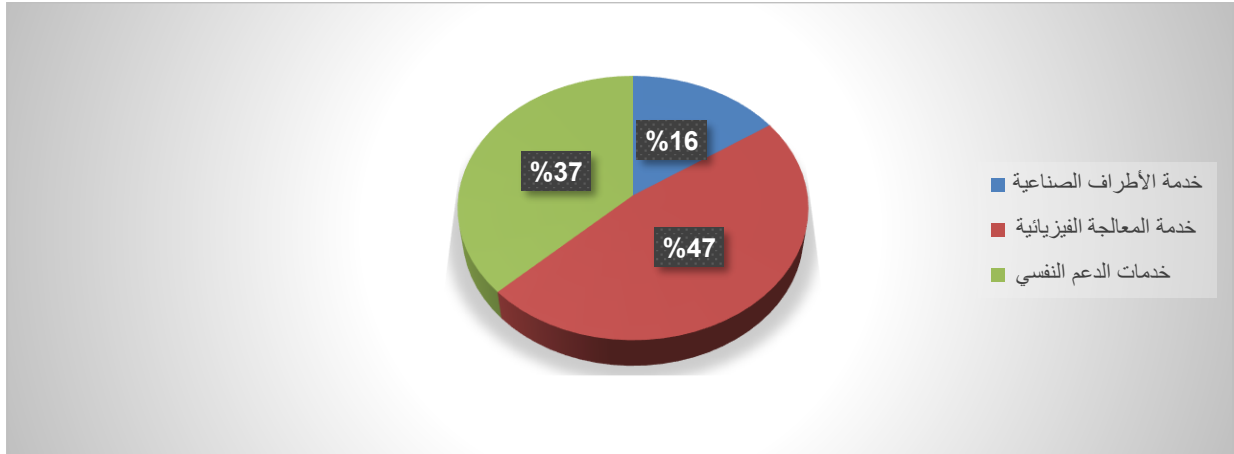
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Health education program

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beneficiaries

Prosthetics Center



**544** Installation of prosthetics

**1671** Physiotherapy Service

**1307** Psychological Support Service